

## DEFENDS CATHEDRAL THAT'S SKYSCRAPER

Chicago Answers Manning's  
'Poor Imitation of Wool-  
worth Building.'

WILL COST \$6,000,000

Criticisms of N. Y. Prel-  
ate Not Well Received  
in Windy City.

TOWER TO BE A FEATURE

Granger Defends Proposals  
Which Include Structure for  
Offices of Diocese.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—"It's a people's  
cathedral,"—Alfred Granger.

"It's a poor imitation of the Wool-  
worth Building,"—Dr. William T. Man-  
ning.

Now, Mr. Granger is one of Chi-  
cago's architects with a national rep-  
utation; Dr. Manning is the Bishop of  
the Episcopal diocese of New York,  
and their dissension is over a plan for  
a \$6,000,000 Episcopal Cathedral in  
Chicago.

Mr. Granger this afternoon put in  
his defense to the condemnation of his  
project made by Bishop Manning on  
Tuesday at a meeting of the Diocesan  
Auxiliary of the Cathedral of St. John  
the Divine in New York city.

The discussion seems to resolve it-  
self into the question of whether a  
cathedral should be a place of wor-  
ship and nothing else, or whether it  
should also be a diocesan office build-  
ing with a small emergency hospital,  
with an employment bureau, church  
clubrooms and an assembly for civic  
and social functions.

Members of the Episcopal Church  
here do not relish Bishop Manning's  
blunt criticism. They think he should  
have waited until the cathedral chap-  
ter of the diocese had passed on Mr.  
Granger's plan before giving his views.

### Bishop Anderson's Views.

Bishop Charles P. Anderson of Chi-  
cago has this to say:

"I refuse to be drawn into any con-  
troversy with my distinguished col-  
league, Bishop Manning of New York.  
All I care to say is that everything that  
has been printed or said concerning Chi-  
cago's new cathedral is decidedly pre-  
mature. Architect Granger has tendered  
a set of drawings for a new cathed-  
ral. Mr. Granger is very enthusiastic.  
He is one of Chicago's foremost ex-  
ponents of the Chicago beautiful plan.  
Officially these plans have not been  
brought before the cathedral chapter or  
myself."

"The dominant architectural note in  
the composition is, of course, the great  
cathedral church," said Mr. Granger.  
"Thoroughly Gothic in plan and charac-  
ter and thoroughly in harmony with our  
Anglican traditions."

"The nave is ninety-two feet to the  
crown of the vault and is lighted by  
clerestory windows. Additional light  
comes into the galleries from lancet  
windows, while the memorial chapels  
and baptistry along the north and south  
sides are lighted by skylights. High  
above the piers at the east end of the  
chancel are tracery windows similar  
to those in St. Thomas's Church, New  
York."

A tower rises above the crossing to  
the full height allowed by the Chicago  
building ordinances.

### Church Offices in Building.

Not an inch of space of the pro-  
posed office building, which will flank  
the Cathedral proper, according to Mr.  
Granger's plans, will be used for rent-  
able purposes. All the executive offices  
and activities of the Chicago diocese  
will be housed in the office part of the  
structure.

"In my suggestion I have tried to

speaking the language of Christianity in  
twentieth century style," remarked Mr.  
Granger.

"I am exceedingly sorry that Bishop  
Manning has taken exceptions. I do  
know this, that if Bishop Greer were  
living he would like them. Bishop Law-  
rence of Massachusetts has expressed  
himself as being delighted with my  
plans. Bishop McCormick of Michigan  
also is of the same opinion. I dare say  
that if a poll was made of the Episco-  
pal bishops of the country upward of 99  
per cent. of them would endorse my  
suggested designs."

"Why, there isn't an Episcopal church  
in the entire downtown district of Chi-  
cago. I want to take Chicago back to  
the thirteenth century, when the cathed-  
rals were built in the centers of popu-  
lations. Make it a people's church. It  
is the people who make a church possi-  
ble."

Mr. Granger was the architect of the  
Chicago and Northwestern Terminal  
Building, the Northern Trust Company,  
St. Luke's Hospital, all of Chicago. He  
also is the architect of the Soldiers' Home  
in Washington, now under construction.  
Mr. Granger also is a member of the  
construction board for the new Episcopal  
Cathedral to be erected in Washington,  
D. C.

### Manning for a Commission.

Bishop Manning in his criticism was  
reported as saying that he counted on  
the good judgment of the Chicago  
authorities, or else the appointment of a  
commission of the General Convention to  
come to their aid.

The letter of Bishop William Law-  
rence of Massachusetts to Mr. Granger  
said:

"I have read your thesis and looked  
at the illustrations with much interest.  
I do not feel able to criticize the plans  
either in detail or in general, but am  
glad to jot down this memorandum."  
"In the first place, I think it is fine  
that the church of the twentieth century  
should give careful consideration to such  
changes of architecture and construction  
as will adapt the Christian church, both  
in the conditions of its worship and its  
work to the conditions of the present,  
and so far as we know the coming cen-  
tury. There is much in what you say  
in the preliminary part of your paper,  
and there is to my mind a distinct lack  
of original thought in matters of archi-  
tecture and construction in the church  
in this country."

"Your studies are, it seems to me, in  
the right direction in bringing before  
the church people of the country a fresh  
suggestion in regard to the architecture  
and construction of an American cathed-  
ral."

"I am with you, too, in feeling that  
where it is possible a cathedral should  
be in the very midst of the population.  
Think of St. Paul's Cathedral, London,  
if it were placed to-day in Belgrave or  
Knightsbridge."

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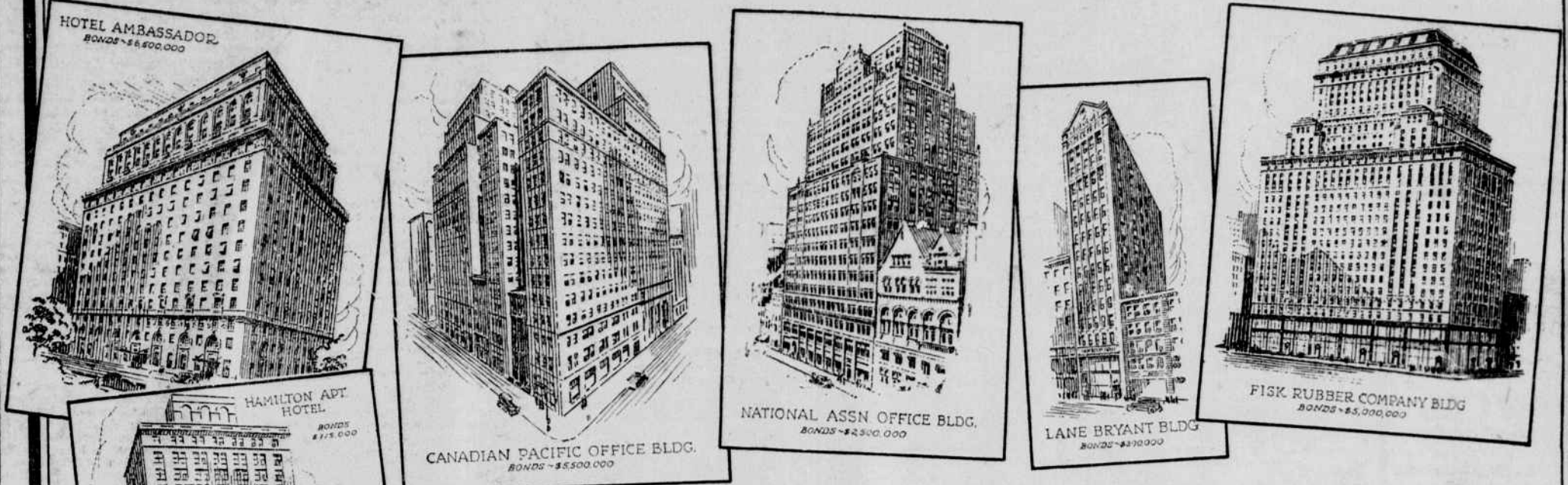
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